GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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MODERNISING FUNCTIONING OF COURTS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any effort to modernise the functioning of Courts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount allocated in this regard during each of the last three years and current year, state-wise

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government has completed a project of Computerisation of City Courts in four metropolitan Cities initiated during 2001 -2002 and an amount of Rs. 17.8 crores was released to the concerned State Governments for implementation of the project . Further an amount of Rs. 24.24 crore was released to the National Informatics Centre during 2003-2004 to computerise city courts in State capitals or in places where the High Courts are located .

As a logical extension of the above projects, the Government undertook a project to computerise 13,348 District and Subordinate Courts in the States and Union Territories at a cost of Rs. 384.53 crore and an amount of Rs. 103.05 crore was released to NIC during March 2005 for execution of the first phase of the project. The Government has constituted an E-Committee to advise on technological communication and management related changes in the Indian Judiciary. In its report on National policy and Action Plan for implementation of Information and Communication Technology a sum of Rs.854 crore has been estimated to implement the project of computerisation of the entire judicial system of the country over a period of five years. The project was launched on 5.10,05 by the Hon`ble PM. During the current financial an amount of Rs.86.16 crore in RE stage has been allocated for spending on computerisation of Indian judiciary.